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BJP proud; our Govt had opportunity to tear down wall of Art 370: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

LUCKNOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the BJP was proud that its government got the opportunity to "tear down the wall of Article 370".

Modi said this after inaugurating the Rashtra Prema Sthal in Lucknow on the 101st birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Addressing a public gathering after the inauguration, Modi said, "The BJP is proud that our government had the opportunity to tear down the wall of Article 370."

He added that the legacy of good governance created by the BJP-led NDA government was now being taken to new heights at both the Centre and state levels

"We must not forget how after Independence, a tendency developed to attribute every positive achievement to a single family," he said.



EOW files charge-sheet

JAMMU: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Crime Branch Kashmir has No. 54/2023 under S 419, 420, 467, 468, and 471 of the Indian Penal Code before the Court of the 4th Additional Munsiff Judge. Srinagar, against Fouzia Afzal, a Class-IV employee posted in the office of the Commissioner, Srinagar.

According to an EOW offi-

cial, the accused misused her official position and indulged in criminal misconduct by issuing fake allotment orders filed a chargesheet in FIR of shops and plots. She also provided false appointment letters for government jobs, targeting poor and unemployed youth, thereby duping them of lakhs of rupees.

> The scam came to light following a complaint alleging that Fouzia Afzal issued forged documents bearing fabricated signatures of the Additional

Commissioner Srinagar and the seal of the District Magistrate, Srinagar. The investigation revealed that she operated in her personal capacity after office hours impersonating senior offifrom the Deputy Commissioner's Srinagar Corporation, and Divisional Commissioner's

Kashmir The EOW further confirmed that "the accused

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The prime minister said his government had made Pt Upadhyaya's Deendaval Antyodaya vision its mission to ensure that government schemes reached all the poor discrimination. without "Before 2014, about 25 crore people were covered under social security schemes, while today this number has increased to 95 crore," he

Modi also said the day was not far when Uttar Pradesh's defence corridor would be known globally for defence manufacturing.

PM Modi was accompanied by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other senior leaders. He was warmly welcomed by people who waved the tricolour and raised slogans in his honour.

The Rashtra Prema Sthal, a landmark national

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Deceased JCO cremated with full military honours STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A junior commissioned officer (JCO) of the

Army, who lost his life in a firing incident in Samba district, was cremated with full military honours at native village in Reasi district on Thursday, officials

 $_{\rm JCO}$ Subedar Surject Singh died in a firing incident inside a military camp in Samba late Tuesday night. A pall of gloom descended on Sarla village as the

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Two gangsters arrested under PSA, shifted to Poonch jail

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two wanted criminals were arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA) on the outskirts of Jammu and shifted to a jail in Poonch district, police said on Thursday.

The accused have been identified as Paramjeet Kumar alias Jungi, a resident of R S Pura and Shubam Saini alias Mundi, of Arnia area.

According to the police, Paramjeet was booked under the PSA following formal detention orders issued by the District Magistrate of Jammu. He was subsequently moved to the district jail in Poonch.

Shubham Saini, a repeated offender involved in multiple criminal cases in recent months, was also been booked under the PSA and lodged in the same

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Modi realising India's vision envisaged by Mookerjee, Upadhyaya, Vajpayee: Rajnath

LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said the vision of India envisaged by

ideologues Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Deendayal Upadhyaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee is realised by being Minister Prime Narendra Modi.

Addressing a rally at the inaugural event of the Rashtra Prema here Vajpayee's birth anniversary, Singh, who is also the sitting Lok Sabha MP from Lucknow, welcomed the prime minister and greeted Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath. Singh said Modi has significantly enhanced India's

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level, asserting that today the world listens carefully when India speaks.

He said Modi is a leader

who has raised India's

stature globally and has been

honoured with the highest

civilian awards by 29 coun-

tries, making him a unique

prime minister on the world

Mookerjee, Upadhyaya and

statues of

said

by Prime Minister Modi at the site, describing the occasion as "highly significant'

for the country. Singh also recalled Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya on his birth anniversary and paid tributes to his legacy from the stage. "The vision of India

envisaged Mookerjee, Upadhyaya and Vajpayee is being realised by our prime minister," the defence minister said. Referring to the last 10

years, Singh said the country has made steady progress under Modi's leadership, guided by the principle of remembering great national figures, taking pride in India's heritage and ensuring

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Fake Jobs, land scam exposed:

Deputy

Mercury drops below freezing point in Kashmir STATE TIMES NEWS

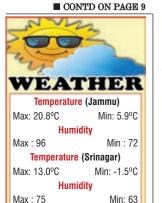
SRINAGAR: Cold conditions returned to Kashmir after a brief respite, with minimum temperatures dropping several degrees to settle below the freezing point owing to clear night skies, officials said on Thursday.

Earlier this week, the cold conditions eased in Kashmir due to overcast night skies after snowfall and rain.

That changed Wednesday night, with weather stations across Kashmir recording sub-zero temperatures. Srinagar recorded a mini-

mum temperature of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius, a

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Sunset: 17:30 Hours

Sunrise: 07:31 Hours

Use of chemical fertilisers root cause of many diseases: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

REWA (MP): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday termed chemical fertilisers as the root cause of many diseases and made a strong pitch for natural farming, saying it not only increases farmers' income but also saves water and promotes public health.

Addressing a Farmers' Conference held here, Shah said the government was developing a "complete sys-



ry testing, certification to packaging - to ensure that the agricultural produce of the country's farmers reach-

es global level in a better way as there is a huge market for

natural farming in the world. "Chemical fertilisers are the root cause of many diseases today. Natural farming is an approach that doesn't reduce farmers' income, but instead makes their produce pure," he said.

Natural farming is a traditional practice that people have forgotten over the time. A dung and urine of a

India moving confidently towards historic growth: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid tributes to Babu Markandeya Singh, a well-known socialist leader and former President of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Students' Union.

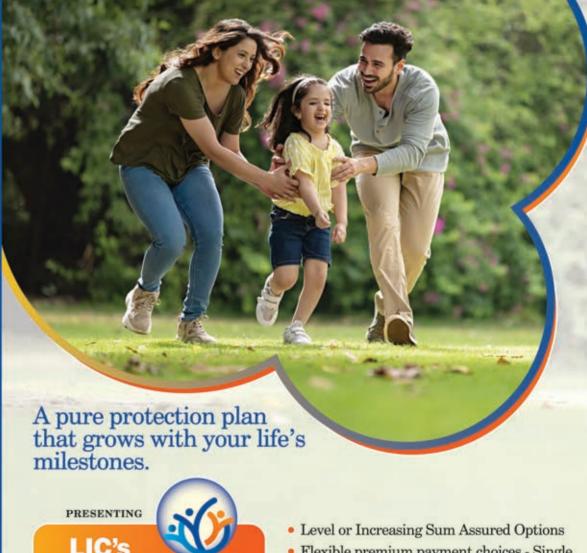
Speaking at his commemoration event in Varanasi, the Lieutenant Governor shed light on the life works of Babu Markandeva Singh.

"Babu Markandeya Singh guided the youth with detertion, guiding the young genmination, wisdom and dedieration to contribute in the cation. His life is an inspiranation-building



LG Manoj Sinha paying tributes to Babu Markandeya Singh former President of BHU Students' Union at Varanasi.

> Babu Markandeya Singh was a symbol of purity ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9





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